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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stefan Fliss  
Serial No. : 10/660,790  
Filed : September 12, 2003  
Title : APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE FUNCTIONALITY OF AN OPTICAL  
ELEMENT

Art Unit : 2877  
Examiner : Unknown

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DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

As a below-named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

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**APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE FUNCTIONALITY OF AN OPTICAL  
ELEMENT**

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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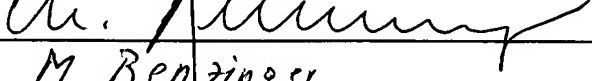
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